

was said was that no servant of employee of the corporation should go for advice from the solicitor without the sanction of the chairman of the committee interested.

TAX PAYMENT.

Ald. Becher pointed out that if the proposed extension of time for payment of taxes was to take effect a regular bylaw would have to be passed.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

By Ald. Cowan, chairman:

Your committee beg leave to submit their final report for 1883. Nine meetings have been held during the year, at two of which there was not a quorum. Health Inspector Bell, in addition to his duties as relief officer and license inspector, devoted a large portion of his time in thoroughly inspecting premises and having nuisances removed, and at the time of the July flood averting what at one time was thought might possibly be a double calamity. With the exception of a few cases of malarial and typhoid fever, caused by using impure well water, the health of the citizens is generally good. There have been no cases of smallpox or other epidemic disease. The smallpox

hospital has been under the care of a competent steward, kept neat and clean and ready for any emergency. In the month of November the Provincial Board of Health held its annual convention in the city. Quite a number of very interesting addresses on sanitary matters were delivered and ably discussed by medical and other solvent gentlemen, and if the sanitary convention has done no more good than creating a greater interest in sanitary affairs it will not have met in vain. The amount of funds placed in the estimates for current expenses was \$500; only \$142 96 were expended, leaving an unexpended surplus of \$357 04 in the treasury.

Report adopted.

GRANTING THE HALL.

The City Hall was granted for the annual meeting of the City Horticultural Society on Wednesday night.

OLD CUSTOMS DYING OUT.

The meeting then adjourned without passing the old-time eleventh hour resolutions of thanks and regret, and on Monday next at 11 a.m. the Council of 1884 will be organized.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, January 21 st 1884

The inaugural meeting of the Board of Aldermen for 1884 was held at 11 a.m. yesterday in the City Hall. The oath of office was administered by Mr. A. S. Abbott, city clerk. Present: Mayor Hyman, Ald. Birrell, Hunt, Skinner, Hewitt, Scarrow, Dr Niven, Labatt, O'Meara, Beattie, Cowan, and Becher. Absent, Ald. Stringer.

MAYOR HYMAN'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

Mr. Edmund Meredith, mayor for 1883, introduced C S Hyman, mayor elect for 1884, who briefly addressed the members assembled. He said the Council would be required shortly to appoint three representatives for the Free Public Library Board, and suggested that one should be from the legal profession, one from the mechanics and one from the merchants of the city. He suggested that steps should this year be taken by No. 1 Committee and the Council to reduce the share—55 per cent.—now borne by the city of the jail and court house expenses in connection with the administration of justice. Another subject worthy of consideration was the establishment of a superannuation fund, as provided for by law, for the benefit of firemen and police. If deemed advisable such a fund could be augmented by a grant from the Council. The time had come for some definite and resolute action towards the better protection of the railway crossings in the city by overhead bridges, gates or some other effective means. He trusted that the drainage system, so beneficial from a sanitary standpoint to the city, would still be maintained and carried on to a still further state of perfection. He advised that steps be taken for the better protection of the northern and eastern parts of the city from fire by the erection of additional fire stations. In conclusion he asked the Council to devote themselves faithfully and economically to all the business, financial and otherwise, that would come before them during the year.

The minutes of the last session were read and signed.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Andrew Dale and John Overell—Application for the position of auditors in 1884.

Thomas Browne—In reference to repairs to Fire Hall engine. No. 3.

Mrs. O'Dell—Asking construction of a sewer on Queen's avenue. No. 2.

City Solicitor—A letter stating that the free public library bylaw had received a legal majority of the votes of the rate-payers.

Catherine McDiarmid—Re taxes. No. 1.
J. Williams and R. S. Holmes—In reference to taxes. No. 1.

County treasurer—Accounts Court house and jail expenses, \$1,822 41; juries, \$390 22. No. 1.

THE AUDITORS.

The Mayor appointed as his auditor for 1884 Mr. Geo. F. Jewell.

For the Council, Andrew Dale was nominated by Ald. Hunt, seconded by Ald. Scarrow; and John Overell by Ald. Beattie and Cowan. Mr. Dale was elected on the following division: For Dale—Ald. Birrell, Hunt, Skinner, Hewitt, Scarrow and Dr. Niven. For Overell—Ald. Labatt, O'Meara, Beattie, Cowan and Becher.

It was decided to accept the report of Messrs. Jewell and Millar on the audit of 1883.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Ald. Birrell and Labatt—Motion that Ald. O'Meara, Becher, Skinner and the mover be a committee to strike standing committees. Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Ald. Cowan—On the first meeting of the council after Feb. 1, that the council proceed to elect three trustees on the Board of Management of the Free Public Library, in accordance with the Free Libraries Act of 1882.

By Ald. Niven—That an additional health officer be appointed for the city.

Council adjourned for 30 minutes to allow